

ABSTRACT

A locking assembly is adapted for locking first and second members together. The assembly includes a housing member having an opening having an insertion end formed therein. A retention member is disposed in the opening. A stud member includes a head portion and a shank portion is joined by a separable portion. The shank portion is received in the opening through the insertion end and engages the retention member to prevent removal of the shank portion from the opening through the insertion end. With the first and second members disposed between the housing member body portion and the stud member head portion, upon breaking of the separable portion, the head portion separates from the shank portion to allow separation of the first and second ends. In one embodiment the opening is a through hole having an insertion end and an exit end, and upon breaking the separable portion the shank portion passes through out of the through hole through the exit end. In another embodiment, a seal covers the head portion to provide a surface for identifying indicia and evidence of tampering. In yet another embodiment, the locking assembly includes a ring member that orients the housing member and stud member substantially parallel to a ring axis to present the head portion for engagement by a user to break the separable portion and separate the head portion from said shank portion.